a study of the ROs of the public sector **OMCs.** It has been decided that the study may be completed within a period of two months from the date of commissioning. In accordance with this decision of the Government, IOC, on behalf of all the OMCs, has since entrusted the job of the study of the ROs to the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad.

Sharing of profit on oil blocks

140. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI SYEDAANWARA TAIMUR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the State Government of Rajasthan has demanded that the center should share profit in the 50:50 ratio with the State where mineral oil and natural gas are produced in the blocks allotted under joint venture:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL) (a) to (c) Some of the State Governments including the Government of Rajasthan had represented to the Central Government seeking at least 50 % sharing of profit petroleum and Production Level Payment (PLP) in respect of contracts signed by the Government for exploration blocks and Coal Bed Methane (CBM) blocks in their respective States. The matter was referred to the 12th Finance Commission and based on its recommendations, the Central Government has accepted the recommendations to share Profit Petroleum and PLP arising out of contracts under the New Exploration Licensing Policy and Coal Bed Methane Policy with the concerned States in the ratio of 50:50, subject to the condition that this should be within the overall ceiling of transfers recommended by the 12th Finance Commission (38% of gross revenue).

Circulation of Expired Cylinders

†141. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.